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## Professional Appointments & Experience

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| <b>Lund Observatory, Department of Astronomy and Theoretical Physics</b><br><i>Postdoctoral Researcher</i>                       | <b>Lund University (Sweden)</b><br><i>June 2020–May 2022</i> |
| <b>Lund Observatory, Department of Astronomy and Theoretical Physics</b><br><i>Carl Tryggers Postdoctoral Fellow (2018-2020)</i> | <b>Lund University (Sweden)</b><br><i>June 2018–May 2020</i> |
| <b>Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, Polish Academy of Sciences</b><br><i>Graduate Student/Research Assistant</i>         | <b>Warsaw (Poland)</b><br><i>Nov 2013–May 2018</i>           |

## Education

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| <b>Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw (Poland)</b><br>• <b>PhD in Astronomy (with distinction)</b><br>Thesis: "Investigation of Black Hole Populations in Dense Stellar Systems using <a href="#">MOCCA code</a> for Star Cluster Simulations"<br>Supervisor: Prof Mirek Giersz  | <i>Nov 2013–May 2018</i>  |
| <b>University of Innsbruck (Austria), University of Padova (Italy) &amp; University of Belgrade (Serbia)</b><br>• <b>Master of Science in Astronomy &amp; Astrophysics</b><br>Astromundus: Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Degree<br>Master Thesis: "Optical Counterparts of Ultraluminous X-ray Sources"<br>Supervisor: Dr Luca Zampieri (INAF - Padova)  | <i>Oct 2010–Sep 2012</i>  |
| <b>University College Utrecht, Utrecht University (The Netherlands)</b><br>• <b>Bachelor of Science (Hons) and Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Liberal Arts &amp; Sciences</b><br>Double Major in Physical Sciences (Physics & Mathematics) and Humanities (Philosophy & Religious Studies)<br>Bachelor Thesis (Science): "Peculiar Features in the Onsets of Thermonuclear Flashes on Neutron Stars"<br>Supervisor: Dr. Jean in't Zand (HEA, SRON Netherlands Institute for Space Research)<br>Bachelor Thesis (Humanities): "The Problem of Redemptive Truth: From Nietzsche to a Post-Metaphysical Culture"<br>Supervisor: Dr. Floris van der Burg (University College Utrecht, Utrecht University) | <i>Aug 2006–July 2009</i> |

## Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals

A complete list of all publications can be found at the [NASA ADS service](#) or [ORCID Page](#) or [Google Scholar Page](#)

1. **A. Askar**, M. B. Davies and R. P. Church: *Formation of supermassive black holes in galactic nuclei II: retention and growth of seed intermediate-mass black holes*. Accepted for Publication in *MNRAS* (2021). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
2. A. Kamlah, A. Leveque, R. Spurzem, M. Arca Sedda, **A. Askar**, S. Banerjee, P. Berczik, M. Giersz, J. Hurley, D. Belloni, L. Kühmichel and L. Wang: *Preparing the next gravitational million-body simulations: Evolution of single and binary stars in Nbody6++GPU, MOCCA and McLuster* Accepted for Publication in *MNRAS* (2021). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
3. F. Aros, A. C. Sippel, A. Mastrobuono-Battisti, P. Bianchini, **A. Askar** and G. van de Ven: *Using Binaries in Globular Clusters to Catch Sight of Intermediate-Mass Black Holes*. *MNRAS*, Accepted for Publication (2021). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
4. **A. Askar**, M. B. Davies and R. P. Church: *Formation of super-massive black holes in galactic nuclei I: delivering seed intermediate-mass black holes in massive stellar clusters*. *MNRAS*, Vol. 502, Issue 2, pp.2682-2700 (2021). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
5. F. Aros, A. C. Sippel, A. Mastrobuono-Battisti, **A. Askar**, P. Bianchini and G. van de Ven: *Dynamical modelling of globular clusters: challenges for the robust determination of IMBH candidates*. *MNRAS*, Vol. 499, Issue 4, pp.4646-4665 (2020). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
6. J. Hong, **A. Askar**, M. Giersz, A. Hypki and S. Yoon: *MOCCA-SURVEY Database I: Binary black hole mergers from globular clusters with intermediate mass black holes*. *MNRAS*, Vol. 498, Issue 3, pp.4287-4294 (2020). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
7. J. Samsing, D. J D'Orazio, K. Kremer, C. L. Rodriguez and **A. Askar**: *Single-single gravitational-wave captures in globular clusters: Eccentric deci-Hertz sources observable by DECIGO and Tian-Qin*. *Physical Review D*, Vol. 101,

- Issue 12, article id.123010 (2020). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
8. K. Belczynski, J. Klencki, C. E. Fields, A. Olejak, E. Berti, G. Meynet, C. L. Fryer, D. Holz, R. O'Shaughnessy, D. A. Brown, T. Bulik, S. Leung, K. Nomoto, P. Madau, R. Hirschi, S. Jones, S. Mondal, M. Chruslinska, P. Drozda, D. Gerosa, Z. Doctor, M. Giersz, S. Ekstrom, C. Georgy, **A. Askar**, V. Baibhav, D. Wysocki, T. Natan, W. M. Farr, G. Wiktorowicz, Miller, M. Coleman, B. Farr and J.P. Lasota: *The evolutionary roads leading to low effective spins, high black hole masses, and O1/O2 rates of LIGO/Virgo binary black holes*. *A&A*, Vol. 636, id.A104, 40 pp. (2020). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  9. B. Giesers, S. Kamann, S. Dreizler, T. Husser, **A. Askar**, F. Göttgens, J. Brinchmann, M. Latour, P. M. Weilbacher, M. Wendt and M. M. Roth: *A stellar census in globular clusters with MUSE: Binaries in NGC 3201*. *A&A*, Vol. 632, id.A3, 20 pp. (2019). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  10. M. Giersz, **A. Askar**, L. Wang, A. Hypki, A. Leveque and R. Spurzem: *MOCCA-SURVEY database I. Dissolution of tidally filling star – clusters harbouring black hole subsystems*. *MNRAS*, Vol. 487, Issue 2, p.2412-2423 (2019). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  11. A. Askar, **A. Askar**, M. Pasquato and M. Giersz,: *Finding Black Holes with Black Boxes Using Machine Learning to Identify Globular Clusters with Black Hole Subsystems*. *MNRAS*, Vol. 485, Issue 4, p.5345-5362 (2019). [\[ADS Link\]](#) and [\[Github Page\]](#)
  12. B. Leor, V. Cardoso, S. Nissanke, T. P. Sotiriou, **A. Askar**, K. Belczynski, G. Bertone, E. Bon and 194 coauthors. *Black holes, gravitational waves and fundamental physics: a roadmap Classical and Quantum Gravity* Vol. 36, 14, article id. 143001 (2019). [\[ADS Link\]](#). Contributor for chapter I.5 in this **review paper**.
  13. D. Belloni, M. Giersz, L.E. Rivera Sandoval, **A. Askar** and P. Ciecielag: *MOCCA-SURVEY database I. Accreting white dwarf binary systems in globular clusters – IV. cataclysmic variables – properties of bright and faint populations*. *MNRAS*, Vol. 483, Issue 1, p.315-331 (2019). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  14. J. Morawski, M. Giersz, **A. Askar**, and K. Belczynski: *MOCCA-SURVEY Database I: Assessing GW kick retention fractions for BH-BH mergers in globular clusters*. *MNRAS*, Vol. 481, Issue 2, p.2168-2179 (2018). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  15. J. Hong, E. Vesperini, **A. Askar**, M. Giersz, and M. Szkudlarek: *Binary Black Hole Mergers from Globular Clusters: the Impact of Globular Cluster Properties..* *MNRAS* Vol. 480, Issue 4, p.5645-5656 (2018). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  16. M. Arca-Sedda, **A. Askar**, and M. Giersz: *MOCCA-SURVEY Database I. Unravelling black hole subsystems in globular clusters*. *MNRAS* Vol. 479, Issue 4, p.4652-4664 (2018). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  17. **A. Askar**, M. Arca-Sedda, and M. Giersz: *MOCCA-SURVEY Database I: Galactic Globular Clusters Harboring a Black Hole Subsystem*. *MNRAS* Vol. 478, Issue 2, p.1844-1854 (2018). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  18. K. Belczynski, **A. Askar**, M. Arca-Sedda, M. Chruslinska, M. Donnari, M. Giersz, M. Benacquista, R. Spurzem, D. Jin, G. Wiktorowicz and D. Belloni: *The origin of the first neutron star – neutron star merger*. *A&A*, Vol. 615, id.A91, 13 pp (2018). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  19. **A. Askar**, M. Giersz, W. Pych and E. Dalessandro: *COCOA code for creating mock observations of star cluster models*. *MNRAS* Vol 475, Issue 3, p.4170-4185 (2017). [\[ADS Link\]](#) and [\[Github Page\]](#)
  20. J. Samsing, **A. Askar** and M. Giersz: *MOCCA-SURVEY Database I: Eccentric Black Hole Mergers During Binary-Single Interactions In Globular Clusters*. *ApJ* Vol. 855, 2, article id. 124, 5 pp.(2018). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  21. J. Hong, R. de Grijs , **A. Askar**, P. Berczik, C. Li, L. Wang, L. Deng, M. B. N. Kouwenhoven, M. Giersz and M., R. Spurzem: *The dynamical origin of multiple populations in intermediate-age clusters in the Magellanic clouds*. *MNRAS* Vol 472, 1, p.67-77(2017). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  22. D. Belloni, **A. Askar**, M. Giersz, P. Kroupa & H.J. Rocha-Pinto: *On the initial binary population for star cluster simulations*. *MNRAS* Vol 471, 3, p.2812-2828 (2017). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  23. D. Belloni, M. Zorotvic, M. Schreiber, N.W.C Leigh, M. Giersz and **A. Askar**: *MOCCA-SURVEY database I. Accreting white dwarf binary systems in globular clusters – III. Cataclysmic variables – Implications of model assumptions*. *MNRAS* 2017 Vol. 468, 2, p.2429-2446 (2017). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  24. R.d. Vita, M. Trenti, P. Bianchini, **A. Askar**, M. Giersz and G. van de Ven: *Prospects for detection of intermediate-mass black holes in globular clusters using integrated-light spectroscopy*. *MNRAS* Vol. 467, 4, p.4057-4066 (2017). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  25. D. Belloni, M. Giersz, H.J. Rocha-Pinto, N.W.C Leigh, **A. Askar**: *MOCCA-SURVEY database I. Accreting white dwarf binary systems in globular clusters - II. Cataclysmic variables - progenitors and population at birth*. *MNRAS* Vol 464, 4, p.4077-4095 (2017). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
  26. **A. Askar**, M. Szkudlarek, D. Gondek-Rosińska, M. Giersz and T. Bulik: *MOCCA-SURVEY Database - I. Coalescing binary black holes originating from globular clusters*. *MNRAS Letters* Vol. 464, p.L36-L40 (2017). [\[ADS Link\]](#)

27. **A. Askar**, P. Bianchini, R.d. Vita, M. Giersz, A. Hypki and S. Kamann: *MOCCA-SURVEY Database I: Is NGC 6535 a dark star cluster harbouring an IMBH?* MNRAS Vol 464,3, p.3090-3100 (2017). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
28. D. Belloni, M. Giersz, **A. Askar**, N.W.C Leigh and A.Hypki: *MOCCA-SURVEY database I. Accreting white dwarf binary systems in globular clusters - I. Cataclysmic variables - present-day population.* MNRAS Vol. 462, 3, p.2950-2969 (2016). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
29. L. Wang, R. Spurzem, S. Aarseth, M. Giersz, **A. Askar**, P. Berczik, T. Naab, R. Schadow and M. B. N. Kouwenhoven: *The DRAGON simulations: globular cluster evolution with a million stars.* MNRAS Vol. 458, 2, p.1450-1465 (2016). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
30. M. Giersz, N. Leigh, A. Hypki, N. Lützgendorf and **A. Askar**: *MOCCA code for star cluster simulations - IV. A new scenario for intermediate mass black hole formation in globular clusters.* MNRAS Vol. 454, 3, p.3150-3165 (2015). [\[ADS Link\]](#)

## Submitted Papers & Preprints

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1. P. Amaro-Seoane, J. Andrews, M. Arca Sedda, **A. Askar** and 154 co-authors *Astrophysics with the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna* (Submitted to Living Reviews In Relativity 2022). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
2. L. Hellström **A. Askar**, A. Trani, M. Giersz, R. Church and J. Samsing *Influence of tidal dissipation on outcomes of binary-single encounters between stars and black holes in stellar clusters* (Submitted to MNRAS 2022). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
3. K. Maliszewski, M. Giersz, Mirek, D. Gondek-Rosińska, **A. Askar** and A. Hypki *MOCCA-SURVEY Database II – Properties of Intermediate Mass Black Holes escaping from star clusters* (Submitted to MNRAS 2021). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
4. N. Singh, T. Bulik, K. Belczynski and **A. Askar** *Exploring compact binary populations with the Einstein Telescope* (2021). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
5. J. Samsing, D. J D'Orazio, **A. Askar** and M. Giersz: *Black Hole Mergers from Globular Clusters Observable by LISA and LIGO: Results from post-Newtonian Binary-Single Scatterings* (2018). [\[ADS Link\]](#)

## Published conference proceedings

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1. M. B. Davies, **A. Askar**, R.P. Church: *The Ecology of the Galactic Centre: Nuclear Stellar Clusters and Supermassive Black Holes*, IAU Symposium, Volume 315 (2020). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
2. **A. Askar**, M. Giersz, , M. Arca Sedda, A. Askar, M. Pasquato, A. Leveque *Stellar-Mass Black Holes in Globular Clusters: Dynamical Consequences and Observational Signatures*, IAU Symposium, Volume 315 (2020). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
3. D. Belloni, M. Giersz, L.E. Rivera Sandoval, **A. Askar**, P. Ciecielag: *Are most Cataclysmic Variables in Globular Clusters dynamically formed?*, IAU Symposium, Volume 315 (2020). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
4. M. Giersz, **A. Askar**, L. Wang, A. Hypki, A. Leveque, R. Spurzem: *MOCCA-SURVEY database I. Dissolution of tidally filling star – clusters harbouring black hole subsystems*, IAU Symposium, Volume 315 (2020). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
5. A. Hypki, M. Giersz, **A. Askar**, D. Belloni, A. Leveque: *BEANS – distributed data analysis for numerical simulations*, IAU Symposium, Volume 315 (2020). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
6. M. Giersz, **A. Askar**, J. Klencki, J. Morawski *MOCCA Survey Database I. BHs in star clusters* (Proceedings of the 15th Marcel Grossmann Meeting in Rome (2018). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
7. M. Szkudlarek, D. Gondek-Rosińska, **A. Askar**, T. Bulik, M. Giersz: *Black Hole Binaries from Globular Clusters as Sources of Gravitational Waves* (52nd Rencontres de Moriond on Gravitation (Moriond Gravitation 2017). [\[INSPIRE Link\]](#)
8. M. Giersz, N. Leigh, A. Hypki, **A. Askar**, N. Lützgendorf: *Formation mechanisms of IMBH in globular clusters* (MmSAI v.87, p.555 2016). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
9. D. Belloni, M. Giersz, **A. Askar**, Hypki: *Cataclysmic variables in globular clusters . First results on the analysis of the MOCCA simulations database* (MmSAI v.87, p.551 2016). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
10. **A. Askar**, M. Giersz, W. Pych, A. Olech, A. Hypki: *MOCCA code for star cluster simulation: comparison with optical observations using COCOA* (IAU Symposium, Volume 312, pp. 262-263 2016). [\[ADS Link\]](#)
11. M. Giersz, N. Leigh, M. Marks, A. Hypki, **A. Askar**: *Monte Carlo modeling of globular star clusters: many primordial binaries and IMBH formation* (IAU Symposium, Volume 312, pp. 213-222 2016). [\[ADS Link\]](#)

## Selected Talks/Presentations at International Conferences & Institutes

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- Invited Review Talk on “Dynamical formation of GW190521 in stellar clusters” at American Physical Society (APS) April Meeting in New York City (April 2022)

- Invited Seminar on *“Formation and growth of supermassive black holes in galactic nuclei: intermediate-mass black holes delivered in stellar clusters”* at Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Toruń, Poland (Feb 2022)
- Talk on *“Formation and growth of supermassive black holes in galactic nuclei: intermediate-mass black holes delivered in stellar clusters”* at European Astronomical Society (EAS) Annual Meeting (Leiden, The Netherlands/Virtual Meeting 2021)
- Invited Seminar on *“Formation and growth of supermassive black holes in galactic nuclei: intermediate-mass black holes delivered in stellar clusters”* at International Teeminar, Organized by ARI Heidelberg/Beijing (2021)
- Talk on *“Formation and growth of supermassive black holes in galactic nuclei: LISA binaries & intermediate-mass ratio inspirals”* at 3<sup>rd</sup> LISA Astrophysics Working Group Meeting (Zurich, Switzerland/Virtual Meeting 2021)
- Invited Seminar Talk on *“Black Hole Dynamics in Star Clusters: Evolution and Growth from Stellar to Supermassive Scales”* at the CENTRA - Center for Astrophysics and Gravitation (Lisbon, Portugal, 2021)
- Talk on *“Formation and Growth of Supermassive Black Holes in Galactic Nuclei: Dynamics of Triple Intermediate-mass Black Holes Delivered in Stellar Clusters”* at the Triple Evolution and Dynamics 3 (TRENDY 3 - Virtual Meeting 2021)
- Invited Seminar on *“Formation of gravitational wave sources in star clusters: From stellar to intermediate-mass black holes”* at University of Birmingham (Birmingham, United Kingdom 2020).
- Invited Talk on *“Dynamical formation of gravitational wave sources”* at XIX Serbian Astronomical Conference (Belgrade, Serbia 2020).
- Talk on *“Formation of supermassive black holes in galactic nuclei: delivering seed intermediate-mass black holes in stellar clusters”* at Galaxy Coffee, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, MPIA (Heidelberg, Germany 2020).
- Talk on *“Formation of intermediate-mass black holes in dense stellar clusters”* at the 13th International LISA Symposium (Virtual Meeting 2020)
- Invited Review Talk on *“Dynamical Formation of Binary Black Holes in Dense Stellar Environments”* at European Astronomical Society (EAS) Annual Meeting 2020, Symposium 5: *What have we learned from the observed population of gravitational wave sources?* (Leiden, The Netherlands/Virtual Meeting 2020)
- Talk on *“Supermassive Black Hole Formation in Galactic Nuclei: The Role of Intermediate-mass Black Holes”* at Compact Objects For All Meeting at Lund Observatory, Department of Astronomy and Theoretical Physics, Lund University (Lund, Sweden 2020)
- Invited Talk on *“Gravitational Wave Sources Originating in Globular Clusters”* at DKGWEM-2020: Gravitational Wave Science in Denmark, Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhagen University (Copenhagen, Denmark 2020)
- Talk on *“Stellar Mass Black Holes in Globular Clusters: Dynamical Consequences and Observational Signatures”* at Galaxy Coffee, Max Planck Institute for Astronomy, MPIA (Heidelberg, Germany 2019).
- Invited Talk on *“Dynamically Driven Mergers of Black Holes in Dense Stellar Environments”* at Astrophysics with Gravitational Wave Detections Workshop (Warsaw, Poland 2019).
- Talk on *“Why Black Holes Matter in Globular Clusters: Dynamical Consequences and Observational Signatures”* at IAUS 351: Star Clusters: from the Milky Way to the Early Universe and MODEST 19 (Bologna, Italy 2019).
- Talk on *“How black holes can influence the evolution of globular clusters”* at the MWStreams 2018 conference on *“Survival of Dense Star Clusters in the Milky Way System”* (Heidelberg, Germany 2018)
- Invited Talk on *“Black Hole Populations in Galactic Globular Clusters”* at the SFB 881 International Workshop on Star *“Clusters around the Milky Way and in the Local Group”* (Heidelberg, Germany 2018)
- Invited to attended meeting of the *“Evolution of Rich Stellar Populations & Black Hole Binaries”* International Space Science Institute (ISSI) Team as a core participant and presented a talk on *“Black Hole Subsystems in Galactic Globular Clusters”* at the ISSI (Bern, Switzerland 2018).
- Talk on *“Black Hole Subsystems in Galactic Globular Clusters”* at MODEST 18 (Santorini, Greece 2018).
- Invited Seminar Talk on *“Investigating Black Hole Populations in Globular Clusters with MOCCA Code for Star Cluster Simulations”* at Galileo Galilei Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Padova/INAF-Astronomical Observatory of Padova (Padova, Italy 2018).
- Invited Seminar Talk on *“Investigating Black Hole Populations in Globular Clusters with MOCCA Code for Star Cluster Simulations”* at Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest, Hungary 2018).
- Talk on *“MOCCA-Survey Database I: Binary Black Holes and Intermediate Mass Black Holes in Globular Clusters”* at Numerical Scattering Workshop, Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute, (New York City, USA 2017).
- Talk on *“Gravitational Waves and High Energy Sources Originating From Globular Clusters”* at MODEST 17 (Prague, Czech Republic 2017).
- Invited Seminar Talk on *“MOCCA-Survey Database I: Binary Black Holes and Intermediate Mass Black Holes in Globular Clusters”* at Lund Observatory Seminar (Lund, Sweden 2017).



- Seminar Talk on “*MOCCA-Survey Database I: Binary Black Holes and Intermediate Mass Black Holes in Globular Clusters*” at Nicolaus Copernicus Center Wednesday Colloquium (Warsaw, Poland 2017).
- Talk on “*Coalescing Binary Black Holes Originating from Globular Clusters*” at Heraeus-Seminar 61: Stellar Aggregates (Bad Honnef, Germany 2016).
- Invited Seminar Talk on “*MOCCA-Survey Database I: Binary Black Holes and Intermediate Mass Black Holes in Globular Clusters*” at KIAA/Peking University Lunch Talk (Beijing, China 2016).
- Invited Talk on “*Merging Binary Black Holes Originating from Globular Clusters*” at Astro-GR 2016 Meeting (Benasque, Spain 2016).
- Presented poster on “*Simulating Observations of MOCCA Star Cluster Simulations with COCOA*” at EES 2015 School on Stellar Clusters (Banyuls sur Mer, France 2015).
- Talk on “*Simulating Observations of MOCCA Star Cluster Simulations with COCOA*” at MODEST 15 (Concepcion, Chile 2015).
- Poster presentation, “*MOCCA Code for Star Cluster Simulations: Comparison with Optical Observations using COCOA*” at International Conference of Young Astronomers (Toruń, Poland 2014).
- Talk on “*X-ray Bursts*” at the 5th Serbian Astronomical Student Workshop hosted by University of Belgrade and University of Novi-Sad (Belgrade, Serbia 2011).

## Supervision, Mentoring & Teaching Activities

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- Gave a 2 hour lecture on “Black holes in stellar clusters” in the ‘ASTM12 - High Energy Astrophysics’ masters course at Lund Observatory (Spring 2021) and did a 2 hour follow up class with group exercises and discussion.
- Led lecture on “Astrophysical Origin of Gravitational Wave Sources” for the ‘Topics on Theoretical Astrophysics’ PhD course at Lund Observatory (Spring 2021)
- Master thesis supervisor of Markus Strickert (Master student at Lund University 2021-2022) and Lucas Hellström (Master student at Lund University 2019-2020, now PhD student at CAMK, Warsaw).
- Bachelor thesis supervisor of Annie Csomer (2022) at Lund University.
- Completed course on “Learning and teaching in higher education - theory and practice” for pedagogical training (Lund University, Spring 2020)
- Gave a 2 hour lecture on “Neutron stars, pulsars and compact binaries” for the ‘ASTM12 - High Energy Astrophysics’ masters course at Lund Observatory (Spring 2019)
- Co-supervised summer student projects at Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center (Poland):
  - Jakub Morawski (2017 Bachelor Student, Warsaw Observatory)
  - Piotr Kołodziejewski (2016 Bachelor Student, Warsaw Observatory)
  - Jakub Klencki (2016 Master Student, Warsaw Observatory)
  - Piotr Adamczyk (2015 Bachelor Student, Warsaw Observatory)
  - Magdalena Szponar (2015 Bachelor Student, Warsaw Observatory)
- Co-supervised and assisted with Masters thesis project of Riko Schadow (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 2015) and research project by Arthur Kuehlwein (Heidelberg University, 2015)

## Prizes & Awards

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- Awarded Carl Tryggers Postdoctoral Fellowship (2018 to 2020)
- PhD Scholarship in Stellar Dynamics, National Science Center, Poland (2013 to 2017)
- Preludium grant for PhD Students awarded by the Polish National Science Center (NCN) in 2016
- Award for Best Poster at International Conference of Young Astronomers (Toruń, Poland 2014)
- Erasmus Mundus (European Commission) Scholarship for Joint Masters Degree in Astrophysics and Astronomy (2010 to 2012) Total Award: €15,000
- Excellence Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies at University College Utrecht (2006-2009)  
Total Award: ~ € 21,000
- Merit Scholarship for A Levels at University College Lahore (2004-2006)
- Award for Excellence in Computing, University College Lahore (2005)
- Award for Academic Excellence, Bloomfield Hall School (2001)

## Funding & Grants

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- Principal Investigator (PI) of the Fysiografen grant awarded by the Royal Physiographic Society of Lund (2019 to 2020); Title: *Evolution of Binaries containing Massive Stars* ; Total Funding: €13,450
- Carl Tryggers Fellowship for postdoctoral research awarded by the Carl Tryggers Foundation for Scientific Research

in Sweden (2018 to 2020) Total Funding: €52,500

- PI of the Preludium grant for PhD students awarded by the Polish National Science Center (2016 to 2018)

Title: *Black Hole Binary Zoo in Globular Clusters* Total Funding: €15,750

- PI of the Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center Grant for Young Researchers (2015 to 2017)

Title: *Simulating Mock Observations of Star Cluster Simulations* Total Funding: €3000

## Professional Memberships, Service Work and Meeting Organization

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- Junior Member of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) since 2019: [\[IAU Page\]](#)
- Member of the LISA (Laser Interferometer Space Antenna) consortium and its astrophysics working group since 2018
- Expert reviewer for the following journals: Monthly Notices of Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS), The Astrophysical Journal (ApJ), ApJ Letters, Astronomy & Astrophysics (A&A), Acta Astronomica
- Organizer and chair for the 'Stellar Dynamics and Evolution' group meetings at Lund Observatory since 2021
- Examination committee member for master and bachelor student exams at Lund Observatory (2019, 2020, 2021)
- Member of the local and scientific organizing committees for ELTs for All meeting at Lund Observatory in Sweden (11 to 12 February, 2019)
- Expert reviewer for grant proposals submitted to National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development (FONDECYT) of Chile (2019)
- Member of LOC for Spotkanie Młodych (Young Astronomers Meeting) at Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center (2014 and 2016)

## Popular Talks and Public Lectures

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- Presented public talk on "*Simulating Star Clusters: Dynamical Evolution to Merging Black Holes*" at Kulturnatten (Culture Night) 2019 at Lund Observatory, Sweden (2019).
- Presented public talk on "*Cosmic Explosions: From Supernovae to Colliding Black Holes*" at Knut Lundmark-dagarna 2019 at Lund Observatory, Sweden (2019).
- Presented public talk (for high school students) on "*Merging Black Holes in Star Clusters: The New Era of Gravitational Wave Astrophysics*" at NMT Dagarna at Lund Observatory, Sweden (2019).
- Presented public talk on "*Astrophysics of Star Clusters*" at Monthly Meeting of Lahore Astronomical Society (LAST) hosted at Zeds Astronomical Observatory, Lahore, Pakistan (2019).
- Invited Popular Talk on "*Binary Black Holes and Intermediate Mass Black Holes in Globular Clusters*" at Koło Naukowe Astronomów (Student's Astronomy Circle), University of Warsaw Observatory, Poland (2017).
- Presented popular talks on 'Evolution of Star Clusters' at Spotkanie Młodych (Young Astronomers Meeting), Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center (2014 and 2016).

## Scientific Programming and Open Source Tools

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Member of the development team of the [MOCCA code](#) for star cluster simulations since 2013.

### Open Source Development (2016–Present):

- Led the development of the *COCOA* code (written in *Python* & *C*): [\[Github Page\]](#) & [\[ASCL Entry\]](#)
- Contributed by fixing bugs and improving *NBODY6++GPU* code (GPU accelerated direct *N*-body code for collisional stellar dynamics): [\[Github Page\]](#)
- Co-developed interactive *Jupyter* notebook that uses a supervised machine learning algorithm to use observational properties of a star cluster to predict how many black holes it may contain: [\[Github Page\]](#)

## Skills & Miscellaneous

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**Computer Languages:** Proficient in *Python*, *Fortran*, *Shell Scripting*,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . Fairly decent with *C* and basic experience with *Apache Pig* and *HTML*.

**Data Visualization:** Proficient with *gnuplot*, *matplotlib* (and other Python visualization libraries e.g., *seaborn*). Fairly decent with *TikZ*, *matcha*

**Software:** Proficient with *Mathematica*, *TOPCAT* and experience with *MATLAB*. Very experienced in using popular presentation, word processing and spreadsheet programs. Experienced in using *Git* for tracking software updates.

**Graphic Design/Vector Graphics:** Fairly decent with *Inkscape* and *GIMP* (Vector Graphics Editors)

**Languages:** English (Fluent), Urdu (Native), Dutch (Beginner Level), Punjabi (Intermediate Level)